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FOOD SITUATION  
SHOWS IMPROVEMENT**CZECH BEER PRODUCTION -- Lidova Demokracie, No 33, 14 Apr 49**

Of the 242 breweries in operation in Czechoslovakia in 1948, 230 were in the Czech Provinces and 12 in Slovakia. These breweries produced 8,119,813 hectoliters of beer, 22,711 of which were exported. Breweries in the Czech Provinces produced 6,962,712 hectoliters and exported 22,022. Slovakia produced 1,157,101 hectoliters, 689 of which were exported. The breweries used 579,973 quintals of malt (493,192 in the Czech Provinces, 86,781 in Slovakia); 13,811 quintals of hops (11,813 in the Czech Provinces, 1,998 in Slovakia); 11,313 quintals of syrup for sweetening (7,891 in the Czech Provinces, 3,422 in Slovakia); 6,447 quintals of ingredients for sweetening and coloring beer (7,813 in the Czech Provinces, 654 in Slovakia) and 19,059 quintals of other products including sugar, corn grits, and manihot flours. Beer production in 1948 was 8.2 percent (726,191 hectoliters) less than in 1947. The production was 9.3 percent (712,125 hectoliters) less in the Czech Provinces and 1.2 percent (14,066 hectoliters) less in Slovakia.

In 1948, there were 194 malt houses in operation in Czechoslovakia, 172 of which were in the Czech Provinces and 12 in Slovakia. Of this figure 32 malt houses were independent, 27 being in the Czech Provinces and 5 in Slovakia. The remainder were associated with the breweries. All the malt houses produced a total of 1,131,240 quintals of malt, 998,337 in the Czech Provinces and 182,903 in Slovakia. Czech and Bavarian malt was produced in the total amount of 1,150,491 quintals (970,463 in the Czech Provinces and 130,028 in Slovakia). A total of 29,503 quintals of colored and caramel malt was produced, 26,623 in the Czech Provinces and 2,880 in Slovakia. Other malts, including diastatic malt, were produced to the amount of 1,246 quintals. These malts were exclusively produced in malt houses of the Czech Provinces. In the production of malt, 52,082 quintals of malt sprouts were obtained, 43,692 of which were produced in the Czech Provinces and 3,390 in Slovakia. In addition, 107,495 quintals of poor-quality barley, chaff, and other wastes were produced, 59,268 quintals being produced in the Czech Provinces and 48,227 in Slovakia. Czechoslovak malt factories consumed 1,117,967 quintals of barley, 1,349,263 of which were used in the Czech Provinces and 248,704 in Slovakia.

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FOOD PLANT SURPASSES PLAN -- Svobodne Slovo, No 89, 15 Apr 49

The food packing plant at the state farm in Prunorov is planning to produce 10,000 kilograms of crushed fruit and 25,000 kilograms of stewed fruit during 1949. During January and February of this year the plant produced 42 quintals of crushed fruit and 4,500 jars of canned vegetables over the plan. Turnover was 150 percent greater in February than had been expected.

NO MORE MEATLESS DAYS -- Svobodne Slovo, No 84, 9 Apr 49

The Ministry of Food has recently announced that restaurants may serve meat every day. They must also serve at least one meatless dish every day, as well as one meat dish on 50 grams of meat rations.

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